

Foreign Field? I do not know any one that wants to go just now; but if the cause was agitated and the conditions understood, I believe that we would have young men and women that would be moved by the Holy Spirit to go; but even if we have none that will go, there are those educated in different schools, surrounded by different environments, that will gladly go, if the necessary funds are at hand. Let us contribute to their support, until we get our own machinery running. Under the International Missionary Alliance, one can subscribe for any number he wishes to support, and after they are appointed, and in the field, the contributor is put into communication with his or her representative, whether native or foreign. I recently subscribed for a native in China, at sixty dollars per year; as soon as he gets in the field, I will get his name, and from time to time hear from the results of his labor. Just so we as a church could place Missionaries in the field at once, and much more economically and effectually under the Alliance, than he will be able to handle them for years to come. The Alliance pays less and sends out better equipped people than any other Society that I know of; because they are taught to trust in God, both for their safety and health, and it is marvelous how the Lord honors their faith; very few of them use medicines, even when afflicted with the terrible fevers of Africa and India. Some die but the percentage is not as great as among those who use physical means, and the deliverance is generally very much quicker. I can not now go into details on this question; I simply mention this to show how the thoroughly consecrated many of the outgoing Missionaries are. For general information, let me say, that nearly all, if not quite all heathen converts are baptized by immersion. I understand that this is done in some instances by Pedo-baptist Missionaries, as sprinkling is not in harmony with the simplicity of the heathen faith or perception.

ARE WE DOING OUR BEST?

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When we speak of our best effort we approach a pretty large subject. We seldom if ever, do our best. We may do well, we may even exceed that, and do extremely grand work for our Master, but we seldom, if ever, do all we can do. Every day, as they pass, affords grand opportunities, unnoticed by us, presents work that we leave undone, gives us chance after chance for the improvement of our talents, that we may use not, showing us that we could do better if we would only

be awake to those little things about us.

Our organization in this place is no longer an experiment. Its future is sure and its prosperity secure and perpetual. We need not be ashamed, for we as a whole have done well, but we have not done our best. Every time we merely respond to our name with that worthless "present," we let slip one of God's golden moments, we miss that "one cup of cold water given in His name," and as a consequence lose our reward. I do not wish, fellow-workers, to discourage you, but if we wish this vine to flourish and bloom and bear fruit, we must be alive to our interest. We must be "the salt of the earth" around us.

We have entered on a new year for this work, and I for one with you, am willing to resolve to do more in time to come than we have in that which is gone. Our cause is a good one. Our King immortal. God has done so much for us that we should do all we can for him. And then, if, when we are doing our best, some one should ask the cause of our zeal, let us reply that we are enlisted in the cause of Prince Immanuel. Let us lift high with ardent zeal his "royal standard." We rely on one who is all-powerful, on one whose promises to those who trust in him, can never fail. We repose in one who has said that he would "gather the lambs with his arms and carry them in his bosom." Let us follow our king to victory and show the world the cause of our triumph. Then may we go on trying to do our best, giving God the praise, the honor, and the glory until he shall call us all home, one by one, to be forever with the great King.

The Sunday School.

THE DOWN TO DATE TEACHER.

The Sunday-school teacher whose "Opinion of Title" (to the holy office) has been "brought down to date," shows unmistakable evidence of it in daily life and practice in the following ways:

1st. He prepares each lesson thoroughly, and does not depend wholly on his general knowledge of the Bible.

2nd. He uses lesson helps as they should be used; with the Bible, and not apart from it.

3rd. He and his scholars use nothing but the Bibles in the class. As to method of teaching, he uses the cork-screw instead of the funnel.

4th. He does not attempt to teach all there is in a lesson, but seeks to impress this truth or that, according to its importance and the needs of his class.

5th. He knows that as "Iron sharp-

eneth iron," so "teacher sharpeneth teacher," at the "Teachers' Meeting, and to do his best work he must be there. When there, he is not a jug, simply waiting to be filled up.

6th. He does not scold his scholars for dropping out of his class, but seeks for the cause in himself, where he knows he is most likely to find it. It is not always found there, but he looks there first.

7th. He knows his scholars on Wednesday. "He calls them by name." He shakes their hand. He knows which lives in the frame house, and which has a poor and widowed mother.

8th. He enters heartily into all the general exercises of the school, for he has noticed that when he does not, his scholars do not. His class is prompt and orderly because he is.

9th. Every member of his class contributes a specific amount each Sunday, and makes up for absences. He sets the example. Because of this system his class gives more than others and does it easier.

10th. He has pondered over, prayed over and forever settled in his own mind these three things, and governs his work and life accordingly:

1. His responsibility as teacher of that class is to God and not simply to the Superintendent.

2. He is the teacher of that class seven days in the week, and not simply on Sunday.

3. He cannot expect to raise his class spiritually to a higher plane than he occupies himself.

The "down-to-date" teacher does not "take his work as a dose." He pushes it instead of dragging it. He is happy in it, and of course succeeds.—*Evangel.*

LOYALTY.

At a recent State Convention which we attended, while answering questions in a "Question Drawer," we came upon the following. As we have met the same question on former occasions, we thought possibly it might not be out of place to answer it in the *Evangel*. Here is the question: "What would you say to a church or denomination that refuses to support or co-operate with the County and State Sunday School Associations?" Answer. First, I would ask if they use the International Lesson System. If they do, as is almost universally the case, I would explain to them where that system comes from, namely, from the International Lesson Committee, which is appointed by the International Convention which meets every three years. This Convention is made up of delegates ap-